

Appln No. 09/928,108
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Response to Office Action of January 25, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

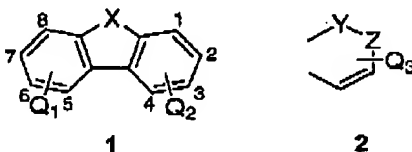
The Office Action has been carefully considered. It is respectfully submitted that the issues raised are traversed, being hereinafter addressed with reference to the relevant headings appearing in the Detailed Action section of the Office Action.

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to update cross-reference to related application information to include granted patent numbers. The Applicant submits that this amendment introduces no new matter.

The Applicant has amended claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claim set are fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

The Applicant proposes clarifying amendments to claim 1 to remove the reference to 'm' and 'n' in defining compound 1. The variables 'm' and 'n' are redundant because they merely state the number of 6-membered rings defined by Q₁ and Q₂. The revised description of compound 1 is illustrated below. The description of 2 remains unchanged.



Applicant also proposes clarifying amendments to claims 3 and 4 following from the Examiner's suggestions. New claim 7 has been proposed, directed to the preferments deleted from claim 4.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

Very respectfully,

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